

## Appendix G – Ranking Criteria for Idaho Sage-grouse Grants

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## Ranking Criteria

Adopted 8/13/04<sup>1</sup>

1. Ownership (Largest ownership in the area impacted by the project)
  - a. Federal land 1
  - b. State or Tribal 3
  - c. Private land 5
2. Match (Includes both in-kind costs and actual funds)
  - a. Less than 25% 1
  - b. 25-50% 5
  - c. Over 50% 10
3. Justification (Is the need for this project clearly explained with clear objectives?)
  - a. Need and objectives unclear or inappropriate Disqualify
  - b. Need unclear or some unrealistic objectives 5
  - c. Clear need and likely to meet all objectives 10
4. Methods and probability of success (Do research projects have complete study plans? Do inventory projects have realistic objectives? Are habitat improvement projects feasible and do they have clear monitoring plans to measure impact of the project?)
  - a. Methods and monitoring unclear Disqualify
  - b. Methods or monitoring plan unclear 5
  - c. Clear methods and monitoring plan 10
5. Benefits to sage grouse (Is this project impacting a small area for only a short period of time, or doing something important but impacting only a single area, or doing something unique that will impact many parts of the state?)
  - a. Some but limited benefits 1
  - b. Important but not unique 5
  - c. Unique information or effort 10

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<sup>1</sup> These criteria may be updated periodically. Check the web site at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/grouse/> for most current grant criteria.

6. Scale of project (Size of area impacted)
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|-----------------------------------|---|
| a. Small (less than 1,000 acres)  | 1 |
| b. Medium (1,000-10,000 acres)    | 3 |
| c. Large (more than 10,000 acres) | 5 |
7. Overhead costs
- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| a. 10% or less   | 5 |
| b. More than 10% | 0 |
8. Endorsed by a LWG (all proposed projects outside of existing LWG areas also receive 3 points)
- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| a. Yes, and LWG's #1 priority     | 5 |
| b. Yes, but not LWG's #1 priority | 3 |
| c. No                             | 0 |
9. Funding from other sources unlikely? (i.e. has the applicant made it clear that that other sources of funding are not possible)
- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| a. Yes | 5 |
| b. No  | 0 |
10. An ongoing and successful project?
- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| a. Yes | 5 |
| b. No  | 0 |

70 TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS